

# REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, and 10 have been amended. Claims 14-26 have been added. No new matter was introduced by these amendments. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification in particular as indicated in the table below:

<u>Claim number</u>	<u>Support</u>
1	Page 9, lines 1-16
2	Removed duplication
4	Page 10, line 1 through page 11, line 4
9	Claim 3 and page 9, lines 1-16
10	Claim 3
14	Page 9, lines 1-16
15	Page 10, line 1 through page 11, line 4; page 12, line 1 through page 13, line 11
16	Page 7, line 5 (e.g., Fe <sup>2+</sup> ); line 6 (e.g., Ni <sup>2+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup> , Yb <sup>2+</sup> , Cd <sup>2+</sup> ), line 7 (Tc <sup>2+</sup> );
17	Page 10, line 1 through page 11, line 4; page 14, line 26 through page 15, line 4
18	Page 10, line 1 through page 11, line 4; page 14, line 26 through page 15, line 4
19	Page 10, line 1 through page 11, line 4; page 14, line 26 through page 15, line 4
20	Page 22, lines 14-22
21	Page 22, lines 14-22
22	Page 22, lines 14-22
23	Entire Patent
24	Page 22, lines 14-22

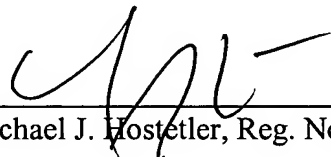
25	Page 22, lines 14-22
26	Page 22, lines 14-22

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 25922-706.201).

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